

# Silver Ash – *Flindersia bourjotiana*

## Wood Appearance

**Colour** – The heartwood ranges from silver-white to pale yellow shades. There is no noticeable colour difference between sapwood and heartwood.

**Grain** – Open and predominately straight. Slight grain deviation may occur associated with the bumps on the log surface. There is no pronounced figure but a characteristic of the species is its long straight vessel line on longitudinal surfaces.

## Wood Properties

**Density** – 640-675 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Durability** – Class 3 – Moderately resistant to decay when fully exposed to the weather, clear of the ground and well drained with free air circulation. Not recommended for in-ground applications.

**Hardness** – Firm (rated 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

## Identification Features

**Sapwood** – Creamy-white to pale yellow, indistinguishable from the heartwood.

**Heartwood** – Creamy-white to pale yellow

**Texture** – Medium and uniform, without figure but possessing a sheen.

## Wood Structure

**Growth rings** – Absent

**Vessels** – Medium to small in size, arranged in short radial multiples; sometimes containing yellowish deposits. Vessel lines visible on longitudinal surfaces

**Rays** – Visible without a lens

**Parenchyma** – Mostly in irregularly spaced apotracheal bands

## Other Features

**Burning Splinter Test** – Match size splinter burns to full white ash

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